

CODE BOOKS AND INFORMATION

Q. How do I get a copy of the plumbing code?

A. The Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code, Comm 81-87, is available from the state Document Sales Unit of the Department of Administration. You may contact them at 608-266-3358 to determine the cost of what you wish to order.

Q. Do all state retailers only sell code-compliant code products for installation in Wisconsin?

A. No. There are problems. Retailers may not have or look for all the necessary approval information. While retailers cannot legally sell unapproved products in certain categories for installation in plumbing systems in our state, people installing plumbing products are **also** legally responsible for meeting code requirements.

PLUMBING PRODUCTS RETAILERS

Which can be used in Wisconsin?
How do you know what's effective,
what's safe?

Telephone orders are accepted when purchasing with a credit card, 800-362-7253.

Their email address is docsales@doa.state.wi.us.
Codes are available without charge on the Internet. The Safety and Buildings list of codes is at <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-CodesListing2000.html>.

Information for Wisconsin residents about plumbing products

Q. If I have further plumbing questions, who should I contact?

WISCONSIN PLUMBING PRODUCTS REGISTER

The Safety and Buildings Internet WebSite has the latest edition of the *Wisconsin Plumbing Product Register*, <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-PlumbingProductsRegister.html>. You can subscribe to the plumbing products register by sending a request and a check for \$20 to:

Material Orders
Safety and Buildings Division
PO Box 2509
Madison, WI 53701

608-261-6546
<http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/sb>

WebSite: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/sb>

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Wisconsin's Plumbing Products Program

Q. Where do I find out about what's approved for use in Wisconsin?

Q. What is the Safety and Buildings Division plumbing products program?

A. To determine if specific products meet the intent and/or requirements of Wisconsin's Uniform Plumbing Code, division staff evaluate products in these categories:

- Chemical, biochemical or physical treatments for POWTS (private onsite wastewater treatment systems);
- Health care and laboratory plumbing appliances;
- Prefabricated holding or treatment components for POWTS;
- Prefabricated plumbing systems;
- Water treatment devices for one- and two-family homes; and
- Alternative and experimental products, designs, and devices.

All other products must meet the standards contained in the Wisconsin Plumbing Code, Comm 81-87.

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Wisconsin's License Laws

Q. Are there restrictions on a homeowner doing their own plumbing?

A. Yes. There is a state law which requires a plumbing license to install plumbing in Wisconsin, except when the plumbing is performed by a property owner in a one-family dwelling he or she occupies. The home cannot be in the process of being built. The homeowner must live in the home to be eligible to installing plumbing there. (In order to live in a building, there must already be at least one water closet (or equivalent), one wash basin, one kitchen sink, one bathtub or shower, and a water heater to meet the basic requirements of sanitation. Also, a local ordinance may require licensed plumbers. Farmers may install plumbing in their own farm buildings. Homeowners are not permitted to install their own POWTS systems, which must be installed by licensed plumbers.

Q. Is there help while installing my plumbing? Who can I call?

A. Yes! You may call your local government office and ask to contact the local plumbing inspector. If your municipality doesn't have a plumbing inspector, you may call an area plumber. You may find your district Safety and Buildings plumbing consultant by calling 608-266-3151.



B. Buildings review are residential cation exchange water softeners that are listed by an ANSI accredited listing agency as conforming to NSF Standard 44. The seal from the listing agency and the NSF Standard 44 mark on the product indicate that a softener is listed. If a device has been approved, the manufacturer can provide you with a copy of the Safety and Building approval letter. The letter defines the performance capabilities of the device.

Q. Why should I use approved plumbing products?

A. Aside from the fact that there are legal rules that require only approved plumbing products to be installed in plumbing systems in Wisconsin, the use of approved products gives you added assurance that the product will perform as advertised and is safe.